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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/12/2006, 7/24/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-17 and 22-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 and 22-38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 7/24/2006, with respect to claims 2-14, 25, 26, and 30 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.
2. Applicant's arguments, filed 7/24/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 15-17 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of the Kato, Rhee and Min references.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 15-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kato in view of Rhee and Min.

Regarding claim 15, a method for receiving video content at a receiver is disclosed in Kato, column 3, lines 32-35. Receiving packets, where in the packets include data and error-correction information about the data is disclosed in Kato, figure 6, elements S21 and S22. If packets received without error in the receiving step include less than all the data, whereby some of the data has been lost, hereinafter referred to as lost data, sending a message based on the identity of at least some of the lost data, receiving a retransmission triggered by the sent message, wherein the retransmission includes less than all of the lost data, recovering all of the lost data using information

from the packets received without error in the receiving packet step and using the received transmission is disclosed in Kato, figure 6 (error correcting is performed on all the lost data in step S22, and then a subset of that lost data which was not able to be fixed by error correction is identified in S24 for retransmission in step S25). Buffering received data at the receiver, including data of retransmission, to allow for continuous play of the video content received at the receiver is missing from Kato. This is disclosed in Rhee, column 2, lines 9-13 (disclosing buffering received and retransmitted frames). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to buffer the received and retransmission data in the system of Kato. The motivation would be to stop error propagation (see Rhee, column 2, lines 1-10). That the packets are multicast is missing from Kato. This is disclosed in Min, column 3, lines 55-59. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to transmit multicast packets using the system of Kato. The motivation would be to be able to transmit broadcast video, which is essential in broadband networks (see Min, column 3, lines 55-57).

Regarding claim 16, the message identifying and requesting retransmission of less than all lost data packets of the multicasted group of packets, and wherein the transmission includes retransmission of less than all the lost data packets of the multicast group of packets is disclosed in Kato, figure 6, element S25, and column 10, lines 50-54 (a request for a data packet corresponding to one of the plurality of data segments containing errors is issued).

Regarding claim 17, the sending step including sending at least a portion of the message, even before every packet of the multicasted group of packets has either arrived at the receiver or been determined as lost to the receiver is disclosed in column 11, lines 31-35 (the request is issued when a segment is found to contain errors; this may occur before the whole broadcast, or group, of packets is received at the receiver).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-14 and 22-38 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cynthia L. Davis whose telephone number is (571) 272-3117. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 to 6, Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chau Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-3126. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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